

House Bill 697

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd and Amerson of the 9th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," so as to specify and limit the types of devices which may be used in the conduct of lottery games; to limit the use of electronic and mechanical devices to those specific types already placed in service; to prohibit the use of video lottery terminals and similar devices; to prohibit casino and casino-style gambling; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 27 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," is amended in Code Section 50-27-10, relating to regulations, policies, and procedures for the conduct of lottery games, by revising the introductory language and paragraph (1) as follows:

"(a) The board may adopt regulations, policies, and procedures regulating the conduct of lottery games in general, including, but not limited to, regulations, policies, and procedures specifying:

(1) The type of games to be conducted, including, but not limited to, instant lotteries, on-line games, and other games traditional to the lottery. Such games may include the selling of tickets or shares or the use of electronic or mechanical devices, but only to the extent provided for in subsection (b) of this Code section;"

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended in said Code Section 50-27-10 by adding new subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

"(b) Lottery games conducted through the use of electronic or mechanical devices shall only use those specific types of electronic or mechanical devices placed in service prior to

25 January 1, 2009. Games shall not be conducted through the use of video lottery terminals
26 or any similar devices.

27 (c) It is the specific intention of this chapter, and is determined by the General Assembly
28 to be the specific intention of the Constitution, to distinguish between lottery games which
29 are permitted and casino or casino-style gambling which is prohibited; and the board shall
30 not conduct or authorize the conducting of casino or casino-style gambling."

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
33 without such approval.

34 **SECTION 4.**

35 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.